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## **Message of the Day**

Eliminating the Marriage Tax ... Real Relief for Real Families

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- number of extreme left House Democrats who voted to end the Marriage Tax in committee markup yesterday.

Events	<b>TODAY</b> – 2/3	Tomorrow – 2/4	Coming up	Yesterday's Events	<b>Lead Stories</b>
House GOP	* On floor: pro forma session;  * Hastert, Watts, Armey, DeLay, others to attend Republican party retreat in Pennsylvania;  * English to speak at National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities meeting;  * Shuster, others news conference on aviation;  * Bliley briefing on telecomm.	* Hastert, Watts, Armey, DeLay, others to attend party retreat in Pennsylvania.	* 2/8 Leach hearing on bank failures; * 2/8 Spence hearing on Defense budget; * 2/8 Miller of Fla. subcommittee on the Census; * 2/8 Crane subcommittee on WTO; * 2/8 Porter subcommittee on Labor-HHS budget.	* On floor: workplace goods job growth and competitiveness passed (222 to 194) * <b>Archer</b> markup of Marriage Tax; * <b>Watts</b> news conference on health care fairness for minorities; * <b>Dunn</b> , others news conference on Marriage Tax relief; * <b>Armey</b> spoke at Washington Press Foundation dinner.	ABC World News (Wed.)  1. McCain greeted by jubilant S.C. crowd  2. Bush speaks at conservative S.C. university  3. Bradley calls on Gore to apologize for Kerrey treatment  NBC Nightly News (Wed.)  1. McCain rides high after N.H. win, Bush gets aggressive  2. A look at maverick McCain
Senate GOP	0	* Frist news conference on the right prescription for Medicare reform;  * Hagel to head congressional delegation to meet with Putin, to Germany for Security Council conference;  * Domenici hearing on expanding agricultural markets;  * Hutchison to present Restoring the Balance Awards at NCSL meeting.	* 2/8 Domenici hearing on Clinton's budget; * 2/8 Roth hearing on FY 2001 budget; * 2/8 Gramm hearing on dollarization; * 2/8 Warner hearing on defense budget; * 2/8 Grassley hearing on Medicare overhaul, drug benefits.	* On floor: bankruptcy reform passed (83 to 14), Greenspan nomination;  * Domenici hearing on Internet taxation with Gilmore, Engler;  * Roth hearing on IRS reform;  * Santorum, others news conference on tax credits to banks to expand the use of Individual Development Accounts.	3. Bradley promising to turn up heat  CBS Evening News (Wed.)  1. Former CIA director Deutch may have exposed top secret info.  2. New questions about MC-80 stabilizers after crash  3. Frontrunners stumble out of N.H.  Washington Post (Thurs.)  1. Senate approves bankruptcy bill  2. Fed hikes interest rates
Govs	* Sundquist to speak at Governor's Forum on Higher Education.	* Bush of Texas to visit Grand Valley State University in Mich.	* 2/19 Bush of Texas to South Carolina for presidential primary.	* Gilmore spoke on governing in a wired world.	3. Medicare change hurts nursing home firms
President	* To attend congressional prayer	* To attend memorial service for Bob Squier.	* 2/5 To deliver weekly radio address.	* Spoke at two DNC "soft money" fundraisers, spoke on the digital divide, computers in the classroom, spoke at National Conference of State Legislatures dinner.	Washington Times (Thurs.)  1. Bush stresses conservatism in S.C.  2. Bradley keeps looking for truth 3. CIA head warns of Taiwan flare-up
1 <sup>st</sup> Lady	* To attend prayer breakfast with president, travel back to N.Y.	* In New York, events to be announced.	* 2/6 To host statewide house party day teleconference in N.Y.	* Admitted mis-speaking on Amadou Diallo case.	New York Times (Thurs.) 1. Senate approves bill to toughen
VP Gore	* To discuss economy with The Digital Domain in Venice, Calif., to campaign in Olympia, Wash.	* To return to D.C., to attend memorial service for Bob Squier.	* 2/7 To attend American Symphony Orchestra, homosexual chorus concert in N.Y.	* Toured Brookdale University Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y., spoke at Ohio State University.	bankruptcy rules 2. Federal Reserve gives nudge to 2 key rates 3. U.S. moves to halt \$30 billion
Cabinet	* Daley to speak on globalization in 21st century.	* Shalala to speak on healthcare at D.C. Dental Society meeting.	* 2/8 Albright to testify before Helms hearing on budget requests.	* Albright in Moscow, attended meeting with President Putin.	union of oil companies USA TODAY (Thurs.)
Dems	* Gephardt to speak to National Council of State Legislators; * Daschle to speak to AARP; * Wyden to join Cox news conference on Internet non- discrimination.	* Lieberman to join Hagel delegation to Russia, Germany for Security summit; * Graham of Fla. to join Hutchison to present Restoring the Balance Awards at NCSL meeting.	* 2/17 Dingell to speak on energy, environmental issues.	* Daschle, Dorgan, Harkin held meeting on farm policy; * Kennedy of Mass., others spoke at salute to Congress dinner; * Kennedy of Mass. honored by Washington Press Club.	Haunted by Cambodia, survivor, author shares horrifying memories     Reformed IRS: Property seizures down 98%     Hearings will probe lax security Defense clearance is target